



State Representative Raymond Kalinowski

Dear Friends,

This past legislative session was generally a productive one. Bills were enacted into law that improved our environment and quality of life, increased protection for our National Guard members and their families, and provided some additional funding for schools and towns.

It is an honor to serve as ranking member, a leadership position, on the Veterans Affairs Committee and to help the governor select nominees to a new Veterans Hall of Fame. Also, a bill I introduced to help protect property owners from ice damage and to balance environmental concerns at Lake Beseck successfully passed the state House and Senate.

As in the past, I will continue to fight for fair funding of public schools. The current system siphons most of state school aid to the three largest cities, Hartford, Bridgeport and New Haven.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on any state related or consumer issue you may have. Thank you for the privilege of representing you in our state legislature in Hartford. For additional information, please visit the Capitol web site at www.housegop.ct.gov or my personal web site at www.RayKalinowski.com.

Sincerely,



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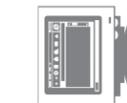


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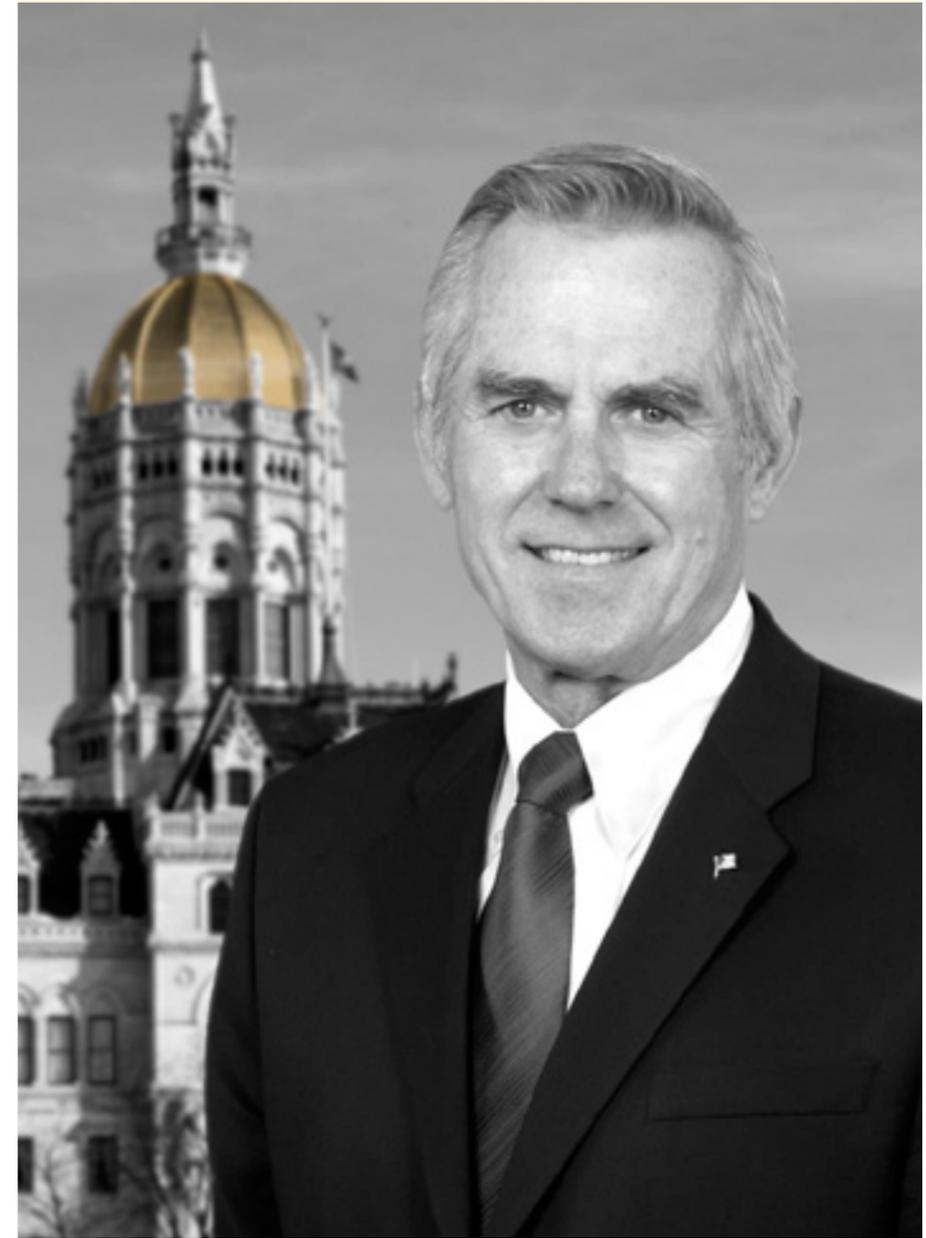
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Rep. Kalinowski speaks on the floor of the House during the Legislative Session.

PROTECTING YOUR INTERESTS

As in past years, I am working hard for taxpayers, children, families and senior citizens. I am happy to report that the legislature agreed to several initiatives to hold down spending, protect the environment, help save for college education, improve transportation and stimulate job growth. If you would like further information, please visit our website at www.housegop.ct.gov. Following are some of the highlights.

Voting for Job Creation

Connecticut continues to lag the nation in new jobs and economic growth. I fought for legislation to roll back some of the high taxes that put Connecticut at a competitive disadvantage with other states. The property tax on manufacturing equipment will be phased out, the corporate tax surcharge that was reimposed last year will be eliminated and tax credits will encourage companies to hire employees and produce movies in Connecticut.

New legislation will encourage innovation through faculty recruitment and an entrepreneurial center at UConn, funds for small business incubators, and programs to finance early stage ventures and to match federal research assistance. The state will establish pilot math and science grant programs and student loan repayment for engineering and doctoral students. Several initiatives will promote research in the growing field of nanotechnology, a branch of engineering that deals with the design and manufacture of extremely small electronic circuits and mechanical devices built at the molecular level of matter.

For the Environment

The state will establish a greenhouse gas labeling program for new motor vehicles starting with 2009 models. New legislation will require public notification about contaminated sites and private drinking water wells.

For Transportation

With my strong support, the legislature authorized a 10-year, \$2.3-billion transportation package in addition to last year's \$1.3-billion plan. Future authorized projects include more commuter rail service, stations and parking facilities and removal of highway bottlenecks.

For Property Owners

The legislature created an Ombudsman for Property Rights to help property owners with eminent domain issues and disputes.

For Seniors/Veterans/Healthcare

A new law allows towns and cities to freeze property taxes for homes owned by people age 70 or older. Homemaker-companion agencies must register with the Department of Consumer Protection and employees must undergo background checks. Legislation will protect jobs and finances of National Guard members who are called up for state service such as natural disasters, just as if called up for national service. The legislature updated Connecticut law on end of life decisions, hospital acquired infections and umbilical cord blood banking.

For Children, Education

I continued the fight for more state aid for local public schools under the state's Education Cost Sharing formula. Some state school aid increases were approved, but at less than full funding. Good news is that families can now take a state income tax deduction when they save up to \$10,000 for a child's education in the Connecticut Higher Education Trust (CHET). With my support, the legislature approved \$875 million in local school construction reimbursements including increased grants for reauthorized projects.

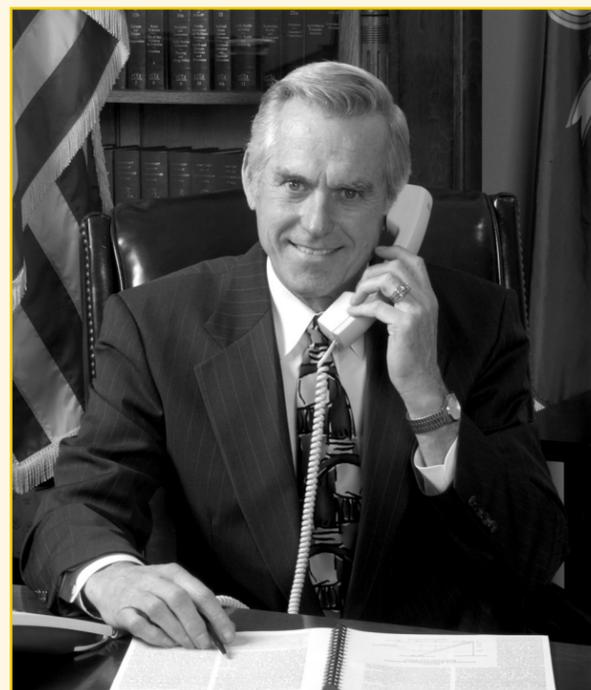
State Budget

I supported adjustments to the state budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006. The budget provides \$245.7 million for the underfunded Teachers' Retirement System, \$85.5 million to pay off debt from the 2003 fiscal crisis, \$33 million in property tax relief to the towns and at least \$189 million saved in the state Rainy Day Fund for future economic downturns.

Grants to towns increase by \$115.5 million to \$2.557 billion for Fiscal Year 2007. Aid for special education students goes up by \$35 million. Taxpayers can take a property tax credit of up to \$500 when filing 2006 state income returns, up from \$400. A \$1-million program for adults with autism also is authorized.

Information Available

A complete summary of the Major Public Acts adopted by the legislature this year including the adjusted state budget can be found on the legislative website: www.cga.ct.gov. You can also contact my office and I would be happy to mail more detailed information to you.



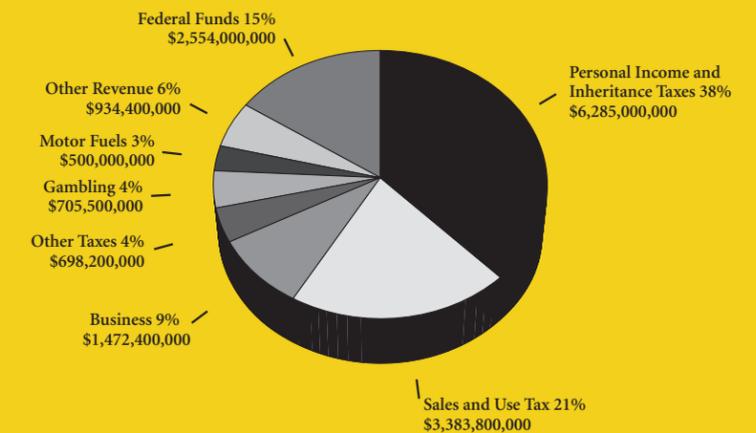
Lake Beseck Ice Damage

Legislation that I introduced requires water draw downs on Lake Beseck in Middlefield of three feet during even-numbered years. Water level draw downs must be six feet during odd-numbered years. The bill specifies that water level draw downs are designed to balance the concerns of the lake community, including recreational needs, preservation of lakefront infrastructure, fisheries habitat, and other natural resource concerns.

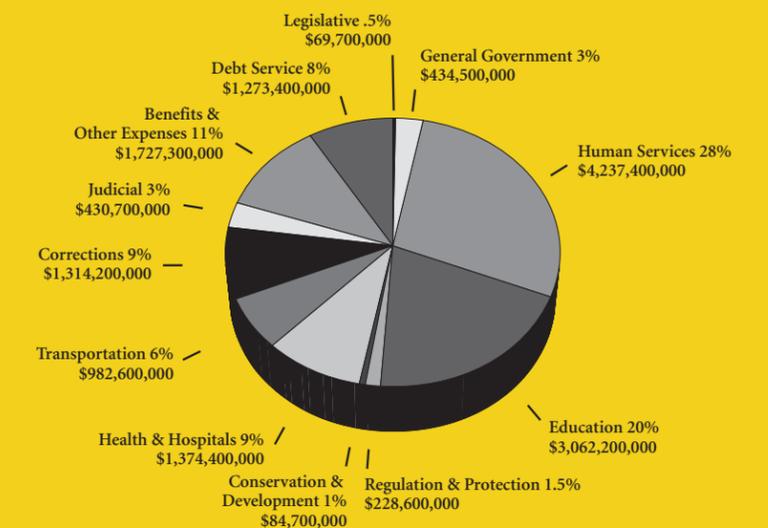
BUDGET ENDING JUNE 30, 2006

The 2006 general fund and the special transportation fund spends \$15.2 billion.

WHERE DOES THE MONEY COME FROM?



WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?



*In addition to an expected surplus, the difference between expenditures and revenues is due to tax refunds.